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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: PAUL AKERS)
Serial No.: 10/754,413) Examiner: James N. Smalley
Filing Date: 1/9/2004) Art Unit: 3727
Title: Cover Piece And Method For) Attorneys' Ref. P214498
Coffee Cup Lids)

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2005. It is believed that no fee is due at this time to maintain the application in full force and effect. However, if any such fee or charge is due, please charge this fee to Deposit Account No. 502099.

Please amend the application as described herein.

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on October 5, 2005, in connection with this case. In that Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 1, rejected claims 1 and 4-10 under 35 USC § 102(b), and claims 2-3 and 11-20 under 35 USC § 103(a). By this Amendment, the Applicant cancels claims 5, 6, 8, 10, 12-14, and 17-20, rendering moot the rejections thereto. The Applicant has further amended claims 1 and 11 and respectfully submits that these amendments overcome the objection to claim 1 and the rejections to pending claims 1, 4, 7, and 9 under 35 USC § 102(b) and claims 2-3, 15, and 16 under 35 USC § 103(a).